GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:560
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ISI MARK ON MINERAL WATER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made it mandatory to put ISI mark on mineral waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite this order mineral water is available in very large numbers without ISI mark; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The notification issued on 29.9.2000 under the PFA Act, 1954 requires the BIS to certify that the quality of mineral water complies with the standards and guidelines specified under the PFA Rules, 1955 after periodic inspection of the manufacturing unit and also after sampling the products lifted either from the manufacturing unit or from the market.

(c) & (d) The above notification comes into effect only from 29.3.2001, giving units adequate time to prepare themselves to meet the relevant statutory requirements. Till then the BIS certification scheme, being implemented under the BIS Act, remains voluntary in nature. Hence all mineral water currently in the market may not have the ISI mark on them.